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SUBJECT: INDIANS REQUEST BRIEFING ON CONFIDENTIAL

ARMS TRANSFER TALKS

- 1. IN COURSE OF AUG 14 CONVERSATION WITH DCM, MEA SECRETARY BAJPAI SAID THAT SOVIET CHARGE HAD BRIEFED HIM LAST MONTH ON US-SOVIET TALKS IN HELSINKI ON LIMITING CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS. ACCORDING TO BAJPAI SOVIET CHARGE HAD TOLD HIM THAT PRESS ACCOUNTS IN U.S. HAD BEEN UNDULY OPTIMISTIC IN TONE. SOVIET ALSO WAS CRITICAL OF U.S. "FOOT-DRAGGING." BAJPAI SAID GOI WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING U.S. VERSION OF HELSINKI TALKS, NOTING THAT U.S. HAD BEEN VERY GOOD ABOUT KEEPING INDIANS INFORMED CONCERNING SALT AND INDIAN OCEAN NEGOTIATIONS.
- 2. IN KEEPING WITH OUR POLICY OF INCREASED CONSULTATIONS WITH GOI WE HOPE WE CAN BE RESPONSIVE TO BAJPAI'S REQUEST. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WE CAN PASS TO INDIANS ON THE TALKS TO DATE, AS WELL AS BEING KEPT POSTED ON SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS. GOHEEN

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